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Amendment

Attention: Group Art Unit 3635
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Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231:

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Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy 21 APR 2003.

Thank you for the 12/20/2002 Office action (Paper No. 4) for the patent application of reference. In reply to Paper No. 4, please reconsider and further examine the present application, and amend the specification of this application according to the revised format as set forth by the Office in a flyer in another application, which references the Official Gazette and a revision to 37 CFR 1.21.

Please extend the shortened statutory period for response by one month. The required fee for a small entity, which status the Applicant still has, of \$55.00 is submitted herewith (PTO-2038).

Submitted herewith also is a fresh Form PTO-1449 substitute.

Submitted herewith also is a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.312.

Amendments to the claims begin on the following sheet, and after those amendments, an amendment to the specification begins. No separate marked-up version of the amendments is submitted.

Claims 1-3 and 9-25 are present after entry hereof.

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There are twenty (20) total including three (3) independent claims after entry of the present amendment. Accordingly, no fee for presentation of the claims is due.

The amendments, to include of the claims, are fully supported by underlying written and pictorial parts of the specification. See, e.g., the present specification on pages 2, 7 and 8, and FIGS. 1-26 and 27-33. No new matter is added hereby.

Remarks additional to the foregoing introductory comments follow the claim amendments, and begin on a separate sheet.

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